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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date	May 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	F. Pipers
Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	R. Cook
Attorney Docket Number	454313-3184.1

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